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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1646
Baumgarten, Birgit et al. Examiner: Li, Ruixiang
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP2004/006625
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FOR: Proton-sensing G-Protein Coupled Receptors and DNA Sequences
Thereof

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2010. A 1-month extension of time is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). This response is timely filed by the revised due date of August 16, 2010. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis for payment of the extension fee. If it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.